Dangerous dams in Madhya Pradesh

†2098. SHRI RK. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether 110 dams in Madhya Pradesh are in dangerous condition and 30 crore rupees are likely to be spent on their repair which is a great challenge before the State Government;

(b) whether Government are taking any steps to avoid the loss of property and lives before the occurrence of any incident; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to provide some financial assistance to the State Government to rejuvenate such dangerous dams on humanitarian ground?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN CHARAN SETHI): (a) The State Dam Safety Organisation (SDSO) of the Government of Madhya Pradesh has reported that 110 dams have minor deficiencies which need to be kept under observation and carry our repair works as and when practical but no cost estimate for restoration works has been prepared by the State Government.

(b) and (c) The State Government has not sent any request for financial assistance for repair of dams. However, the Government of Madhya Pradesh has incurred an expenditure of Rs. 131.336 Crore on repair and rehabilitation of dams under the World Bank aided Dam Safety Assurance and Rehabilitation Project completed on 30.9.1999.

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